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LETTER DATED 29 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letters, the most recent being No. 1/6/363 of 27 July 1993, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 19 to 25 July 1993, the Iranian armed forces carried out the following acts of aggression against the northern region of Iraq:

1. Last week, some localities in the Qal'at Dizah basin and the Panjwin area were subjected to intermittent random artillery bombardment, the latest such attack being on 20 July 1993, when the villages of Sayyid Ahmadan, Shiyuzah and Kuwaytan and the area north-east of Qal'at Dizah were subjected to shelling which set on fire four houses and injured two inhabitants in the above-mentioned villages.

2. On the night of 19/20 July 1993, an Iranian force estimated at two infantry brigades, with artillery support, entered the Kanaru border area north of Choarta and the Sirku area east of Choarta.

3. On 22 July 1993, another Iranian force entered the Panjwin area and established bases at Kani Mangah west of Panjwin.

4. On 22 July 1993, Iranian aircraft conducted raids on the Nawtaq area west of Darbandikhan and the Zirgöz area on the Sulaymaniyah road.

5. On 24 July 1993, the Qal'at Dizah basin was again subjected to intermittent random shelling.

6. On the night of 24/25 July 1993, the Nawtaq area was shelled also.

7. On 24 and 25 July 1993, the Anah border area north of Choarta was shelled.

8. On 25 July 1993, an Iranian force estimated at 200 armed men entered the Kaolan border area near Panjwin and opened fire on the population of the villages in the area, causing the death of one inhabitant.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq protests in the strongest terms against these fresh Iranian acts of aggression, which constitute a flagrant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and blatant intervention in its internal affairs, and it condemns the Iranian regime's persistent violation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

The Government of the Republic of Iraq requests your intervention to prevent the Iranian side from repeating such acts of aggression, which are contrary to the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and it reserves its full right to respond by using appropriate means in order to safeguard Iraq's rights and legitimate interests.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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